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For : BLACK CERAMIC SINTER WITH LOW THERMAL EXPANSION
AND HIGH SPECIFIC RIGIDITY AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment/Response in the above-identified patent application.

[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

SMALL ENTITY				OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. OR FEE	RATE ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 18 MINUS	20	= 0	x6=	\$	x18 = \$ 0.00
INDEP. 4 MINUS	4	= 0	x18=	\$	x86 = \$ 0.00
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE			x60=	\$	x290= \$ 0.00
DEP. CLAIM	TOTAL		ADDIT. FEE	\$	OR \$ 0.00

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

[] A petition for a ____ () month extension of time and Deposit Account authorization to cover the extension fee are enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004.

The Office Action mailed August 25, 2004 required that all claims in the reply filed June 1, 2004 be identified with the claim identifier "new". This Amendment complies with the requirement of the Office Action.